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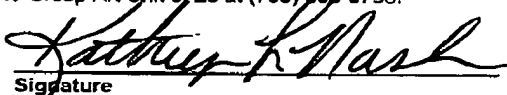
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows before examination on the merits.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 79-84.

Sub 79. (New) An automated method for removing tissue from a patient comprising
the steps of:B1
introducing a tissue removal device into the patient adjacent the tissue removal site,
the tissue removal device including an outer cannula defining a tissue-receiving opening, an